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Purchase of Generator Sets by MCD Hospitals

4495. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MCD hospitals in which generator sets have been purchased during the last five years;

(b) the number of generators out of them functioning properly and the number of generators out of them lying idle;

(c) the names of hospitals where these generators have not been in use for several years and even not working in emergency cases;

(d) the number of casualties occurred and the number of operations postponed due to non-operation of these generators and non-purchase of diesel therefor;

(e) the steps taken by Medical Officers to operate these generators;

(f) whether the officers of the corporation are satisfied with these efforts; and

(g) if not, the action being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (g) Municipal Corporation of Delhi have purchased four generator sets—one each for Kasturba Hospital, Smt. Girdhari Lal Maternity Hospital, Swami Dayanand Hospital and Hindu Rao Hospital. Excepting the generator set for Kasturba Hospital, which is yet to be commissioned, all others are functioning properly. Even in Kasturba Hospital, a small generator set of 31.5 KVA has been functioning. No casualty has occurred or operations postponed due to the non-operation of generator sets. Municipal Corporation of Delhi is satisfied with the position.

[*English*]

Advertisement Captioned "Uplabdhiyan"

4496. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the advertisement captioned 'Uplatbdhiyan' appearing in 'Nav Bharat Times' dated July 13, 1991;

(b) the total number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes registered under various schemes of DDA for allotment of flats/plots;

(c) the total number out of them allotted flats/plots, Scheme-wise and category-wise; and

(d) the position in respect of the development of residential plots and commercial sites in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Eye Institutes in the Country

4497. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eye institutes functioning at present in the country;

(b) whether the number of such institutes are sufficient to cater the needs of patients; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Union Government to set up more eye institutions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Under the National Programme for control of Blindness (NPCB), 10 Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology are functioning in the country. The needs of patients with eye ailments are met at many other medical/health care facilities besides the 10 regional institutes of Ophthalmology.

Successive Plans have included provision for phased expansion of eye care services. Under NPCB, Ophthalmology Departments of 60 medical colleges have been in upgraded so far. At intermediate level, District Hospitals have been strengthened with Ophthalmic services. Eye care services have also been developed in some primary health centres. Eye camps are also organised by various institutions and voluntary organisation.

Total Literacy

4498. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country which have achieved total literacy;

(b) the average percentage of literacy in Karnataka;

(c) by what time 100 per cent literacy is going to be achieved in the country; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

(a) The strategy of mass mobilisation on the basis of volunteerism for achievement of a total coverage of the targeted age group of 15-35 over an entire district taken as a unit, has been evolved over the last year. Under this strategy, the district of Ernakulum in Kerala was the first to have been declared a totally literate district in the country. This was followed by a similar campaign over the entire State of Kerala culminating in the function held on 18-4-1991. Under a similar campaign in district Burdwan in West Bengal, the coverage achieved has been accepted at 9.86 lakhs as against the original target of 12.00 lakhs. A function to mark this achievement has been scheduled for August 24, 1991.

(b) As per the provisional figures of 1990-91 census, the literacy percentage for the population aged 7 years and above in the State of Karnataka is 55.98.

(c) The magnitude of the problem of illiteracy varies from State to State, region to region and even within the same region in the country and the widely divergent factors contributing to the problem of illiteracy call for different strategies in different regions. Accordingly, it is not possible to indicate a deadline by which illiteracy could be totally eradicated in the country.

(d) The strategies adopted to tackle illiteracy include programmes for universalisation of elementary education and universal retention of children upto 14 years of age in the schools, and the programme for non-formal education in ten educationally backward States. The National Literacy Mission set up in 1988 aims at imparting of functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the age group of 15-35 by the year 1995.

[*Translation*]

Cancellation/Allotment of Flats by D.D.A.

4499. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of